

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 219

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to recognize Hoyt Parsons on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the members of this General Assembly to pause to expressly recognize those venerable public servants who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hoyt Parsons is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as a Board Member of the Rutherford County Soil and Water Conservation District for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, during his impressive tenure, Mr. Parsons served the Board as Chairman for six years and Secretary/Treasurer for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, retired from operating a 200-acre Brown Swiss and Holsteins dairy farm in the Christiana community; for more than fifty years, Mr. Parsons now lives at Stratford Hall and attends First Presbyterian Church where he serves as Elder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons is highly regarded throughout the county's farming community for his proactive approach to agriculture related business; and

WHEREAS, from 1954 to 1966, he lent his time and talents as a WAE Farmers Aid for Soil and Conservation Service (now NRCS); he served for many years as a member of the Farm Service Agency (formally ASCS) Community Committee and on the Federal Land Bank Board (now Farm Credit Services), and he worked for stock barns in Murfreesboro and Hohenwald; and

WHEREAS, Hoyt Parsons has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues in government and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Hoyt Parsons exemplifies the allegiance to family, public service, and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons was married to the late Margaret V. Williamson "Peggy" Parsons; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys the love and support of his two daughters, Janet Blackwelder, married to Mark, and Susan Hoff, married to Greg, and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Hoyt Parsons' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life and his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Hoyt Parsons epitomizes the spirit and character that have earned Tennessee acknowledgment as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Hoyt Parsons on his retirement from the Rutherford County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, commend him for his many years of service to the farming community, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.